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MEDIA ADVISORY
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**Demolition of First Hardest Hit Fund
Blight Elimination Program Property in Gary**

- WHAT:** Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann and Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson will oversee the first demolition of a blighted property in Gary, Indiana, funded through the Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program.
- WHO:** Sue Ellspermann; Lieutenant Governor of Indiana
Karen Freeman-Wilson; Mayor of Gary
Mildred Shannon; Councilwoman, District 1
- WHEN:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 10:00 AM
- WHERE:** 832/836 Virginia Street, Gary
- WHY:** Indiana's Hardest Hit Fund Blight Elimination Program is a partnership between the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and the U.S. Treasury. The Blight Elimination Program allows IHCDA to provide funding to local units of government to eliminate blighted properties to make space for a variety of end uses on the newly cleared parcels, such as green space or redevelopment.
- PARKING:** Street parking available in area
- MEDIA
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